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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/940,855
Filing Date	August 29, 2001
Examiner Name	M. Spisich
First Named Inventor	Kazuyoshi NAMBA
Group Art Unit	1744
Attomey Docket Number	33082 M 100

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

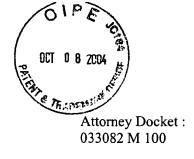
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For: SUBSTRATE CLEANING APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE

CLEANING METHOD

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A reply to the Office Action filed June 9, 2004 was due by September 9, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to October 11, 2004 (October 9, 2004 being a Saturday). Therefore, please accept this Amendment and accompanying Request for Continuing Examination as timely filed.

In response to the Office Action dated the Office Action filed June 9, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: